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One in hospital after shooting

GUNFIRE An adult male was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries last night after Halifax Regional Police say a shooting took place in Sambro.

According to Staff Sgt. Don Fox of HRP, police responded to a report of an adult male being shot next to a convenience store at the intersection of Old Sambro Road and West Pennett Road just after 8 p.m. Fox said the victim was shot in the leg and was transported to the QEII Health Sciences Centre.

Fox wouldn't say if the victim was known to police.

Fox said shortly after the shooting, an adult male was taken into custody in relation to the incident, but no charges had been laid by late last evening.

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McCartney in Halifax?

Living legend could be biggest summer ticket at Common

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Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney may rock it out in Halifax this summer.

Several sources have told Metro Halifax McCartney is close to announcing an outdoor show at the Halifax Common site Saturday, July 11.

One source said the announcement could come within days.

Harold MacKay of Power Promotional Concepts is said to be behind trying to

bring McCartney to Halifax, but he was tight-lipped yesterday when approached on the subject.

"I've got nothing to say on it," MacKay said when asked if he could confirm or deny the possibility of the McCartney show.

"No I can't," he then followed when asked if he could say if there were negotiations going on with



Paul McCartney

"Any discussions with artists always have to remain 100 per cent confidential until something is really done."

Harold MacKay, Power Promotional Concepts

the McCartney camp.

"Any discussions with artists always have to remain 100 per cent confidential until something is really done."

"There's nothing done that I'm aware of."

In April 2008, MacKay confirmed he was in negotiations with McCartney's tour director and produc-

tion manager for a concert in late June or early July of that year.

That concert never materialized, however, because MacKay said at the time there wasn't enough time to put it together.

In trying to lure McCartney to Halifax last year, MacKay took McCartney's senior tour staff to the

Halifax Common site, where the Rolling Stones played to 50,000 fans in September 2006.

If this concert does happen it will be easily one of the biggest acts to ever hit Halifax.

It will also make it back-to-back weeks for big outdoor shows at the Common site.

Rock legends KISS are also performing at the Halifax Common Saturday, July 18.

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Sunny Side

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Please recycle

The body of an adult woman was found beside a Halifax P-9 school yesterday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police said a staff member at St. Patrick's-Alexandra discovered a woman shortly after 2 p.m. while the school was still in session.

The body was found in a six-foot deep window well that runs along the side of the building.

Police arrived on scene and helped shuffle the students at the primary-to-Grade 9 school out the back door.

Police said the victim has not yet been identified.

They also didn't know if the death was a murder or accidental, but said it is being treated as suspicious until there is reason to believe otherwise.

"All we have right now is that the person who called in reported a body being on the ground suffering from apparent injuries," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmer.

"We're in the early



A forensic identification officer climbs up a ladder after collecting evidence at the scene of a suspicious death on the grounds of St. Patrick's Alexandra school yesterday.

stages of our investigation. We don't have further information than that."

Though initially called in by a staff member as a report of an injured woman, police said they don't know if she was alive at the time of being discovered.

She was deceased upon their arrival.

One area resident said she was amazed that incidents involving the trench didn't happen more often. She said children routinely play around the well, which is nicknamed "the dungeon."

"There's been concerns from me for years," said the woman, who wouldn't give her name.

"My kids grew up around here. I used to be scared to death they'd fall down there. Anybody who fell down there you wouldn't get out unless you were about eight feet tall."

"It's a very dangerous spot."

The school's parking lot and courtyard were cordoned off yesterday as forensic investigation teams and medical examiners worked.

Joan Jessome is starting her sixth term as president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union. She was acclaimed into the position over the weekend at a downtown Halifax hotel. The union also added in a news release it will soon launch "a new dynamic website." **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Weir hosting charity event in HRM

Professional putter Mike Weir, left, will be bringing his children's charity golf event to HRM this summer. The Mike Weir Miracle Golf Drive for Kids will tee off at Ashburn and Glen Arbour golf courses Aug. 30 and 31. The IWK Health Centre, where the fundraiser was announced yesterday, will benefit from this year's event, which stops in Atlantic Canada for the first time.

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\$16M more for schools: McNeil

Liberal leader plans to provide grants to help raise school funding level

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Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil says he will give \$16 million in extra grants to schools next year if elected.

The Liberal program would provide grants to allow schools to spend the money how they see fit.

"It may be used for extra teacher assistance. It may be used for providing a reading and writing program at the end of the day. That would be up to the individual schools to assess their unique needs," McNeil said.

When asked where the money would come from, McNeil said it would be partly dependant on his government growing the economy through measures like lowering the



Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil gestures as he speaks with the media during a campaign announcement in Dartmouth yesterday. If elected, the Liberals will introduce a school grants program which will cost \$16 million in the 2010-11 school year, \$18 million in 2011-12 and \$19 million in 2012-13.

small business tax.

But he didn't go into any further detail, saying the party would release a fully

detailed platform in the coming days of the campaign.

The grant money prom-

ised yesterday would be separate from general revenue. McNeil promised \$16 million in the 2010-

2011 school year. That would grow to \$18 million the next year and then \$19 million in 2012-2013.

Schools and student advisory councils would work in partnership with school boards to apply for the grants.

McNeil got some support at his morning press conference from District 2 Halifax Regional School Board member Gina Conrod. She said she was happy to see any new money going towards schools.

Conrod showed up to lobby for more per-student funding from the province. She presented a draft budget document showing the province was spending \$7,235 per student for this school year.

"We're underfunded now so we need all we can get," Conrod said to reporters.

NDP aims to raise equity tax credit

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BUSINESS NDP Leader Darrell Dexter promised to raise the Nova Scotia Equity Tax Credit from 30 to 35 per cent yesterday, a promise that would cost the province \$1 million.

He made the announcement at Jane's on the Common, a north end Halifax restaurant whose owner, Jane Wright, benefited from the tax credit when she began her business.

"The Equity Tax Credit is helping other entrepreneurs write their own inspiring stories," Dexter said. "But we've



Dexter

got to do more in an economic climate where it has become harder to gain traditional investments, especially when jobs must be a priority."

Introduced in 1994, the program currently offers a 30 per cent tax credit for small and medium sized Nova Scotia businesses, and a second 20 per cent credit if they invest again after five years.

Dexter said the tax credit leveraged almost \$19 million of new capital for Nova Scotia businesses in 2006.

"The program is to try to get people to invest in a Nova Scotia company rather than, say, buy stocks of a company on Bay Street in Toronto," Wright said. "It worked well. I raised money and I was able to open a business with no debt."

Broadcaster Armitage among those getting honorary degrees

UNIVERSITIES Saint Mary's University will be handing out six honorary doctorates during its convocation ceremony May 22 at the Halifax Metro Centre.

Sister Dorothy Moore, a distinguished educator and member of the Mi'kmaq First Nation, Feed Nova Scotia executive director Dianne Swinemar, Dr. Samantha Nutt, the founder and executive director of War Child Canada, and longtime sports broadcaster Steve Armitage are all receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law.

Wadih M. Fares, a successful immigrant, com-

munity leader and associate alumni of Saint Mary's, and James S. Kinnear, president and CEO of Pengrowth Energy Trust, will both receive an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce.

And Mount Saint Vincent University announced yesterday they are awarding honorary degrees to former provincial and federal NDP leader Alexa McDonough and Dr. Margaret Somerville, founding director of the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law. Both will receive their degrees Friday during the convocation ceremony.

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Tories propose RESP tax credit

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SAVINGS The Conservatives promised to help parents save up to \$88 per year towards their children's education. But the value of the announcement was questioned by opposition parties.

Premier Rodney MacDonald announced yesterday his government would provide a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$1,000 to parents investing in an RESP for their children. That works out to a maximum of about \$88 per year. The total cost to the province would be \$350,000 per year. "When you're ... saving for a young child's education, every dollar counts," MacDonald said.

Energy Minister Barry Barnett went a step further, saying the \$88 per year could be the difference between whether or not a child can attend university. "And \$88 is a lot of money to many people. And sometimes it makes the difference between whether somebody can or can't go to a post-secondary education," Barnett said.

Liberal Leader Stephen



Premier Rodney MacDonald talks with children at the Voyageur Lakes Kids Academy in Hammonds Plains following a campaign announcement yesterday. Under the Tory plan, parents would receive a non-refundable tax credit to match their contributions to a registered education savings plan, to a maximum of \$1,000.

McNeil scoffed at that statement. He said the people who would benefit from the tax credit are primarily those who can afford to send their children to college or university.

"When it comes to accessing education it's not the children whose family has an extra thousand dollars to set away for an \$88 tax credit that it will make a difference to them going or not going," McNeil said.

The Liberal leader also said more assistance needs

to be given to people who cannot afford post-secondary education.

The Canadian Federation of Students also criticized the plan, saying it would "do very little to curb student debt, improve access for low- and middle-income students, or address out-migration of Nova Scotia's youth."

MacDonald said the tax credit is just one of several programs his government supports to ease tax burden on citizens.



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Your Money Allan Small on how the U.S. bank stress tests were just one factor in the continued market rally at metronews.ca/investing



Nova Scotia records 57th case of flu

Another mild case of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, was confirmed over the weekend, bringing the total number in Nova Scotia to 57 since the outbreak began April 26. This new case is within the Annapolis District Health Authority. All the cases reported in Nova Scotia so far are mild. **METRO HALIFAX**

Good luck on the waterfront

Dolphins on Parade fundraiser will support Easter Seals campaign

Sunny Side

HILARY BEAUMONT
for Metro Halifax

Nine locally painted porpoises decorated the waterfront outside the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic yesterday morning as part of a nautical fundraiser called Dolphins on Parade.

Nova Scotian artists will paint between 30 and 40 life-sized dolphins that Easter Seals president and CEO Tom Merriam hopes will raise more than \$75,000 to help people living with disabilities.

"The dolphin is a symbol of good luck to those who go to sea, so we decided that would make an ideal figure," Merriam said, glancing at a six-foot splatter-painted porpoise standing on its tail. "This figure is modelled after an Atlantic white-sided dolphin, so these dolphins are actually swimming right here in the harbour as we speak."

Artist Jake Seibert paint-



Mary Ellen Hallett checks out some of the Dolphins on Parade yesterday following the launch ceremony for the public art project. Up to 40 dolphins will be installed at various points along HRM waterfronts as part of the Easter Seals Nova Scotia fundraiser.

ed a dolphin with a crest on its breast and a view of the city on its back.

"They wanted something that celebrated not only the 100 years of the Navy, but

100 years of the Navy in Halifax," Seibert said. "I came up with the idea to do a reverse panoramic, so as you walk around the dolphin you see the city, the

ships in the harbour and the sailors at the bottom modernized from 1910 to 2010.

"Basically, if you walk around it you see the sky-

"The dolphin is a symbol of good luck to those who go to sea, so we decided that would make an ideal figure."

Tom Merriam,
Easter Seals CEO

scrapers start to develop and the ships get more modern."

Waterfront wanderers will soon be able to pick up brochures that include a guided tour of the waterfront with dolphins along the way.

"This summer, especially with the Tall Ships on the waterfront, we think it will be a win-win for everyone," Merriam said.

Last summer, the Easter Seals strategically placed giant, themed lobsters around the city. The summer before, it was figureheads. The dolphins will be displayed this summer and next summer in celebration of the Canadian Navy's centennial.

Man facing charges after dog stabbed

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A 56-year-old man has been charged after police said a dog owner stabbed another dog several times then threatened a couple walking on a trail in Dartmouth.

Const. Brian Palmeter of HRP said yesterday a man and his wife were walking their St. Bernard with a leash through a trail from Princess Margaret Boulevard towards Windmill Road in Dartmouth at 3:10 p.m. Saturday.

Police then said another dog — a yellow Labrador that was off-leash — approached the St. Bernard and jumped on him. Police say the man who owns the St. Bernard tried to control the yellow lab to prevent it from hurting his dog.

That's when police said the man who owned the yellow lab appeared holding a knife and stabbed the St. Bernard "multiple times." Police also said the man threatened the couple.

"The couple didn't see him initially when they first saw the dog," Palmeter said. "He showed up with a knife in his hand and proceeded to stab the dog multiple times."

The couple called police. Officers arrested a suspect walking his dog about 10 minutes later. He has been charged with cruelty to animals, possession of a weapon and uttering threats. He will appear in Dartmouth provincial court at a later date.

Palmeter said the stabbed dog received veterinary care for what is believed to be non-life-threatening injuries.

Palmeter said officers walked the suspect's dog back to its nearby home after the incident.

"It sounds like it all happened pretty quickly," Palmeter said. "We've done our bit and now it's being followed up by animal control."

HRM draft budget follows green theme

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When Halifax Regional Municipality's draft budget is handed out at tonight's city council meeting, the numbers will be broken down on environmentally friendly CDs instead of printed on bundles of wasted paper. "We're actually putting our budget on CDs this year, following the green theme," chief administrative officer Dan English said yesterday of the city's proposed fiscal plan for 2009-10. "But we will have the full budget documents for those who require them."

Besides emphasizing the municipality's move toward sustainability, English said the new budget also encompasses council's key "focus areas," which include transportation, infrastructure, public safety, community planning, as well as governance and communications. "There are certainly tran-

sit enhancements in the budget," he said. But that won't include the Bedford fast-ferry, which has been delayed for a year.

English said the municipality is only tabling the budget this evening with "some high level overview,

Later than usual

• This year's budget is being tabled a little late due to longer than expected debate on transit tax structures and the much-anticipated urban blueprint HRMBYDesign.

like what's driving our cost pressures." The actual debate will likely start May 26 and English hopes to see a vote June 2.

He promised the budget will be balanced, services will be maintained, the tax rate won't increase, no layoffs are expected and "it's not a recession budget, by any means."

"It's a budget that I believe will build in contingencies, should we feel the effects of the global recession next year," he said.

But he admitted there is less of an increase this year than in 2008-09, adding the budget takes advantage of stimulus money coming from the provincial and federal governments for infrastructure.

Barrington Street May flowers



City employees Mandy MacLean and Art Crane plant flowers and bushes yesterday along Barrington Street. Flowers should thrive this week as the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies.

Man pleads guilty to killing woman, cutting up her body

TRIAL After Warren Patrick White pleaded guilty yesterday morning in St. John's to killing Amanda Power and cutting up her body last year, the brother of the deceased woman tried to jump over a courtroom seat to get at White.

The man was restrained

by others, including family members who also shed tears during the court appearance in Newfoundland Supreme Court.

White, 35, pleaded guilty to charges of second-degree murder and performing an indignity to a dead body.

According to an agreed

statement of facts, White and Power got into an argument at their apartment in St. John's over money and other household issues. White then strangled Power and pulled her body to the bathroom where he cut up the body.

On June 6, 2008, neigh-

bourhood children playing in the area found Power's torso stuffed in a suitcase in the backyard of the house that contained the apartment Power and White shared. Justice James Adams has set June 23-26 for a sentencing hearing.

ST. JOHN'S TELEGRAM

For the second year in a row, Prince Edward Island potato growers have donated 18,000 kilograms of potatoes to a major food bank in Boston. The donation was repeated despite the loss of a significant amount of the crop to wet weather in the spring. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Flood not as severe as '97: StatsCan

Although it left more than 86,000 hectares of farmland under water, this year's Red River flood failed to match the severity of the devastating flood of 1997. This spring's flood, which reached its peak on April 24, spread over 1,680 square kilometres and covered 86,400 hectares of farmland, according to a Statistics Canada report based on satellite image data.

CBC NEWS ONLINE



Actress Virginia Madsen skiing in Banff, Alta. Madsen is producing a documentary following 15 female ski jumpers as they fight for the right to compete in the 2010 Olympics.

Actress making film on ski jumpers' plight

OLYMPICS Virginia Madsen had her son in mind when she agreed to produce a documentary about women ski jumpers fighting to participate in the 2010 Olympics.

"When he was a very little boy (it) delighted me that there were just as many cartoons with female super heroes as there were with male super-heroes," Madsen told Metro yesterday.

"I thought, 'Wow. Boys and girls are growing up to view each other on an equal playing ground.'"

But when Madsen told him that female ski jumpers weren't allowed to compete in the Olympics, he couldn't understand why — and she couldn't justify it.

The Academy Award-nominated actress' production company Title IX is producing *Fighting Gravity*, which will follow 15 female jumpers as they fight VANOC in a lawsuit de-

manding they be included in 2010.

Filmmakers were in Vancouver last month when four of the women sat in B.C. Supreme Court as their lawyer argued their case.

Footage also includes American jumper Lindsey Van as a little girl announcing she wants to be in the Olympics one day.

"I love the Olympics. I follow (them) as much as I follow the Oscars because ... what I feel in common with (the athletes) is a dream that's almost unattainable," Madsen said.

"They look just like I did, they have that same fire and excitement."

She added this is a fight that belongs to all women.

"I don't want to think about how it will feel if they get turned away. But ... they're going to keep (jumping) whether someone lets them or not."

METRO CANADA

Politicians talk to protesters

Liberals, NDP work to calm tensions at Tamil rally

Sachin Aggarwal, deputy chief of staff to Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, was in Toronto visiting his mother on Mother's Day when news of the surprise Tamil protests began to emerge.

As a key player in the Liberals' outreach efforts, Aggarwal is no stranger to the demonstrators who have been raising the alarm for weeks in Toronto and Ottawa about the crisis in Sri Lanka.

Ignatieff and other Liberal MPs had met with members of the Tamil community during one of their demonstrations on Parliament Hill on April 21.

Hearing that thousands of angry protesters had taken to Toronto's streets, Aggarwal, Kunal Parmar and others on Ignatieff's staff closely monitored the

Meeting

• NDP Leader Jack Layton said he spoke with Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday morning and Harper had agreed that a senior government representative would meet with Tamil leaders.

situation as the day wore on.

When the protest leaders lost control of the crowd on Sunday night and demonstrators unexpectedly surged on to the city's Gardiner Expressway, the situation turned explosive. About 11:30 p.m., Aggarwal's worried assistants put him in touch by telephone with Siva Vimal, a university student who often speaks for the demonstrators.

Aggarwal expressed

hope that the marches could be kept peaceful. But Vimal told him that it had reached a point where the police were demanding that the Tamils leave the Gardiner or be forcibly removed.

"What is it that you want?" Aggarwal asked, and was told the Tamils were demanding action on economic and diplomatic sanctions against the Sri Lankan government.

In response, Aggarwal read out Ignatieff's public statement on April 21. In it, the Liberal leader expressed concern about the deaths of thousands of civilians in Sri Lanka and called on the United Nations to appoint a special representative to facilitate an immediate ceasefire in that country's armed conflict.

Vimal expressed appreci-

ation of Ignatieff's stance but wanted to know if the Liberals would do more. Without making specific commitments, Aggarwal said he expected his party to keep speaking out in Parliament about human rights issues in Sri Lanka.

On the street, word that political leaders were responding to the protesters' concerns appeared to break the stalemate, and the demonstrators left the Gardiner.

NDP Leader Jack Layton, told reporters he was also communicating by phone and email with protesters and the authorities to try to bring the situation to a peaceful end.

In the Commons, International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda praised Layton for his efforts on Sunday night.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Edmonton Together again



Former Edmonton Eskimos cheerleaders Sandy Topechka, crouching, and Leroy Jordan show off some of their team spirit yesterday at Commonwealth Stadium. Ex-cheerleaders from the squad gathered for a reunion.

Canada to use cellphones for Afghan propaganda

MILITARY Canada plans to boost its propaganda reach by tapping into mobile phones in Afghanistan to send text messages, run contests and drive listeners to its military-run, Pashto-language radio station.

It's a fairly crude, transparent tactic in the high-science of counterinsurgency, but the military sees it as a way to better connect with local Afghans living in a war-torn land where the cellphone is one

of the fastest growing, and only reliable, means of communication.

The capability, to be set up in this summer, will encourage Afghans to sign up for text-message alerts from defence officials and to enter military-run contests awarding prizes to locals, according to public tendering documents. It will also let Afghans send text to a radio station set up by the military.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ex-opponent testifies against mayor

OTTAWA When Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien and former mayoral candidate Terry Kilrea met on July 12, some "very prominent" Conservatives supporting O'Brien wanted them to come to a "business arrangement" so that only one of them would be running for mayor, Kilrea said in court yesterday.

Kilrea is the first witness for the prosecution in O'Brien's trial. The charges against O'Brien stem from Kilrea's claim that O'Brien offered to help get Kilrea an appointment with the National Parole Board in

exchange for dropping out of the 2006 mayoral race.

In the examination from Crown Attorney Scott Hutchison, Kilrea recounted his version of the events that transpired between July 10 and Aug. 10, 2006.

According to Kilrea's testimony, he met O'Brien at around 10 a.m. on July 12. Kilrea said O'Brien told him that since they were both Conservative candidates, only one of them could win and they should come to a "business arrangement" so Kilrea doesn't get hurt.

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the **Bay**



The Pentagon will replace the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, U.S. Gen. David McKiernan, left, less than a year after he took over the war effort there, CNN reported yesterday. The Pentagon plans to name Lt.-Gen. Stanley McChrystal. **REUTERS**

U.S. to replace Afghan commander

World



Nicotine kick in mushrooms

Wild mushrooms consumed in Europe contain too much nicotine and may raise blood pressure and heart rate, Europe's major food risk assessment agency said yesterday. High nicotine concentrations were found in wild mushrooms — mainly porcini mushrooms, but also truffles and chanterelles. It was unclear what caused it: It could be pesticide use or accidental contamination. **REUTERS**

Estate battle grips Hong Kong

COURT A legal battle over the estate of Hong Kong billionaire tycoon Nina Wang began yesterday, pitting her former lover and feng shui master against her family, who both lay claim to the vast fortune. Wang, who died in 2007 at 69, was one of Asia's wealthiest women whose business empire has been estimated to be worth at least \$4.2 billion. Wang's former feng shui adviser, Tony Chan, lays sole claim to the fortune based on a 2006 will as she lay dying of ovarian cancer. The married Chan has said he was Wang's longtime lover. In the rival legal camp is Wang's family which lays claim to a 2002 will in which most of her wealth was left to charitable causes. Despite her vast wealth, Wang was known for her self-professed frugality — rummaging for bargains in discount clothes stores. **REUTERS**



Chan

UN gave warning of Sri Lanka 'bloodbath'

The United Nations yesterday said attacks in Sri Lanka that killed hundreds were the bloodbath it had long feared, while the Tamil Tigers and government traded blame ahead of UN Security Council talks about the war.

In the latest and largest reported assault on civilians trapped in the war zone, hundreds of people were reported killed on Sunday and yesterday in artillery barrages that struck the less than five square kilometre strip of territory the separatist rebels control.

"We've been consistently warning against a bloodbath, and the large-scale killing of civilians including more than 100 children this weekend appears to show that the bloodbath has become a reality," U.N. spokesman Gordon Weiss said.

The United Nations warned in an internal brief-

UN discussion

• Diplomats said the UN Security Council was due to have another informal meeting over Sri Lanka yesterday with the foreign ministers of Britain and France. The council is split over whether to elevate dis-

cussion of Sri Lanka's war to a formal level where it could act. The United States and Britain are pushing a ceasefire, while Russia and China have backed Sri Lanka's opposition to a truce. **REUTERS**

ing document in March that civilians could be killed either by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) trying to manufacture a slaughter to blame the government, or in an indiscriminate military advance.

The rebels blamed the government, which in turn said the LTTE had fired on the people it has been holding hostage for months in a last-minute move to secure international pressure for a truce to stave off defeat.

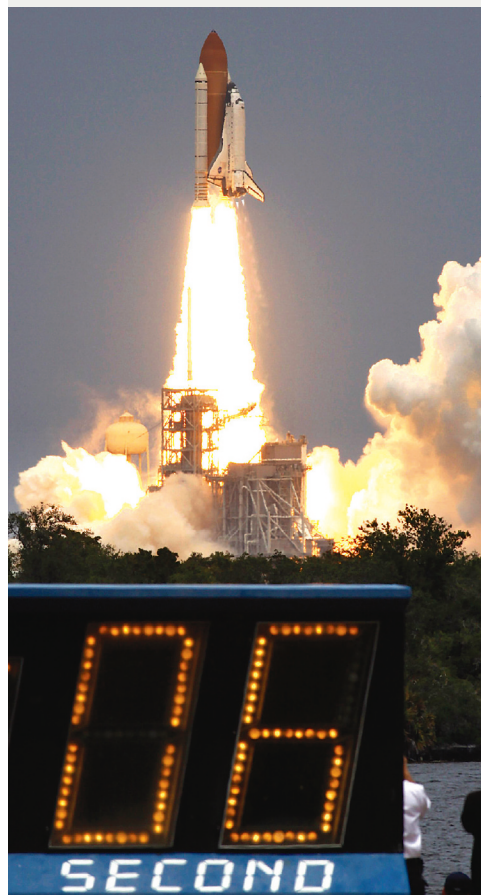
A doctor in the war zone, paid by the government but whose personal safety is at the whim of the Tigers,

said at least 433 bodies had been brought to a makeshift hospital, and 1,347 people had been wounded in two days of shelling.

Getting a clear picture of events in the war zone — known as the Wanni — is next to impossible, as it is generally closed to outsiders and those within it are not fully independent of pressure that is often applied at gunpoint.

The LTTE has been fighting an all-out civil war since 1983 to create a separate state for minority Tamils in northern and eastern Sri Lanka. **REUTERS**

Lift off Hubble mission



Space shuttle Atlantis lifts off from Cape Canaveral yesterday on a mission to repair NASA's Hubble Telescope.

Flu Outbreak: U.S. confirms more than 2,600 infected

• The death toll in Mexico from the outbreak of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, that has spread globally has risen to 56, the health ministry said yesterday, as results of tests on people who died in recent weeks came in.

• Just over two weeks since the outbreak of the swine flu, some Europeans are asking whether danger was exaggerated, but the World Health Organization warned against complacency and said the worse could be yet to come.

• The United States now

has 2,618 cases of the new swine flu across 44 states, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

• Millions of Mexican children, many of them wearing surgical masks and clutching hand sanitizer, went back to classes Mon-

day after a two-week shutdown of schools due to the new flu virus. **REUTERS**

• Alberta health officials say the province now has 52 cases of swine flu after a woman in Calgary, and a woman and a girl from central Alberta all tested positive. **METRO CANADA**

Web obsession led to savage murder

A German man was found guilty yesterday of the savage murder of a British man whose girlfriend he became obsessed with after they met on a website.

David Heiss, 21, stabbed Matthew Pyke 86 times in a brutal attack after travelling from Germany and forcing his way into the couple's flat in the English city of Nottingham.

Before he died following the attack in September last year, the court heard that Pyke, 20, had managed to write "Dav" — the first three letters of Heiss's name — on the side of his computer using his own blood.

Heiss was given a life

"It was an act that was born out of obsession and hatred in equal measure."

British prosecutor
Shaun Smith

prison sentence and told he would serve at least 18 years in jail.

The court heard that Heiss had become infatuated with Pyke's girlfriend Joanna Witton through a war games website the couple ran together from their flat.

He began bombarding

Witton with messages of love, visited the couple twice and pestered them until finally they blocked him from their website.

Just days before the murder, he sent an email to Pyke saying he had "something I would like to give to you."

"It was an act that was born out of obsession and hatred in equal measure," said prosecutor Shaun Smith.

"It was obsession for Joanna Witton and hatred for Matthew, because he was Joanna's boyfriend."

Heiss flew over from his home in Frankfurt and made his way to the couple's home. He waited un-

til Witton had left for work before forcing his way in and launching a ferocious attack on Pyke. He returned back to Germany the next day.

Detective Chief Insp. Tony Heydon said the brutality of the attack and the clinical planning involved had made it the most harrowing case he had investigated.

"Heiss had become so besotted with Joanna that he decided to plan Matthew's murder several days, if not weeks, in advance," he said.

"In my view, David Heiss is the most callous, cold-hearted individual I have dealt with." **REUTERS**

News in brief

IRAN U.S.-born journalist Roxana Saberi walked free yesterday after an Iranian appeal court cut her eight-year jail sentence for spying to a suspended two-year term. Her release resolved a case that had added to strains on U.S.-Iranian relations, at a time when U.S. President Barack Obama is seeking to reach out to Tehran after three decades of mutual mistrust. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Saberi, who moved to Iran six years ago and was arrested in January after her credentials expired, would return to the United States in coming days.

IRAQ A U.S. soldier opened fire on fellow American troops at one of the main U.S. bases in Baghdad yesterday, killing five, the U.S. military said. "The shooter is a U.S. soldier and he is in custody," said Marine Corps Lieut. Tom Garnett, a U.S. military spokesman in Iraq. U.S. officials plan to charge the

shooter later today.

AMBUSH Maoist rebels killed 14 police in an ambush in a central Indian jungle, officials said yesterday, the latest in a string of rebel violence that has marred part of India's general election. Police said the rebels triggered blasts and shot at a security convoy that was searching for rebels on an intelligence tip but which turned out to be a trap.

ENERGY Norway opened a 560-kilometre "hydrogen highway" yesterday with more than a dozen hydrogen-powered cars rallying along a scenic route between its capital city Oslo and North Sea oil hub Stavanger. Norwegian oil and gas producer StatoilHydro has built several hydrogen filling stations between the two places to cater for cars with fuel-cells that generate electricity from a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen. **REUTERS**

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No fear in the rear-view

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“When I’m in Canada I feel this is what the world should be like” — Jane Fonda.

Well, thank you Jane. You are better remembered for other quotes, like a declaration on a certain war in Southeast Asia. But we’ll give you top marks for this one. Should all the world be just like us? Why not? Youth, beauty and a clean conscience are a hard combination to beat. And that’s

just for starters.

We’re not exactly young anymore. In the immediate galaxy, we’re one of the older nations, actually. But for some reason, Canada still feels young, new even. Writer Rupert Brooke once spoke of our “unseizable virginity.” He might have been on to something. It’s like we’re still starting out, heading off to college.

Beauty? Surely we don’t have to haul out all those numbing clichés to reassure ourselves. In terms of drop-your-jaws landscape, how many countries would dare take us on? The endless expanse, the golden Prairies, the pristine lakes, the majestic mountains (OK, I’ll stop there).

Many nations have scarred histories. They hurt from past embarrassments. Their people hesitate to look in the rear-view mirror. Not

SunnySide

Canada. Some sullied moments to be sure, but a reasonably proud past, nothing, as we move forward, that weighs heavily on the spirit.

If you thought of this country in terms of it being a person, everyone would be envious of Mr. and Mrs. Canada — their vibrant health, smashing looks, riches, vitality, friends, gorgeous home. They would say that nobody should be that lucky. They would be so jealous as to hope Mr. and Mrs. Canada had some dark, off-setting character flaw. But they’d find out that they were fair-minded, civil, anchored in common sense, victims not of ideological prejudice or religious zealotry or trigger-happy temperament.

They would see how they overcame differences and welcomed others of different languages, colours, creeds into their home and they would say, “Uck, it’s too much. They must have bribed the Creator.”

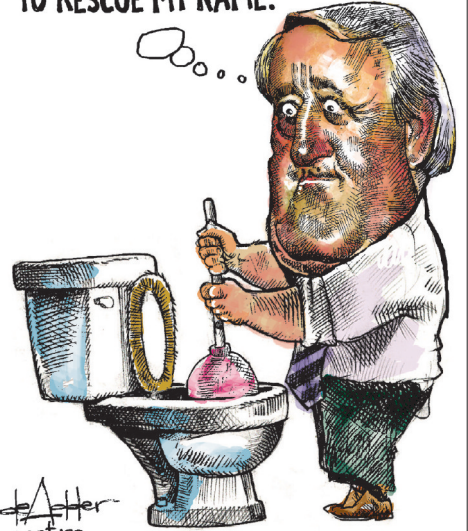
“We Canadians,” said Pierre Trudeau, “are standing on the mountaintop of human wealth, freedom and privilege.”

True enough. While there is always much to lament, the big perspective must be kept in mind. In the lottery of nations, we pulled the winning ticket.

F. Scott Fitzgerald said life is something that can be dominated if you’re any good. By that standard, ours is a country that cannot help but prevail.

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I’VE BEEN WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESCUE MY NAME.



MICHAEL D. ADAIR

Views

NHL to Hamilton makes more sense than others

InBusiness

Charles Davies

Of course Gary Bettman is negative on the idea of an NHL franchise in Hamilton. The commissioner has staked his reputation on an ill-considered expansion into U.S. markets where hockey has trouble competing with high school football.

Like George W. Bush’s invasion of Iraq, Bettman’s obsession has nothing to do with reality. Others casually dismiss Hamilton for business reasons, arguing the city’s weak economy and lack of corporate power — the kind that coughs

up buckets o’ cash for seasons’ tickets, private boxes and flagrantly overpriced food and drink — wouldn’t profitably sustain a team. Even Ron Joyce, the co-founder of Tim Hortons Inc., whose corporate headquarters are in nearby Oakville and a man who ought to know better, thinks a Hamilton franchise has but a 10 per cent chance of success.

Joyce has obviously had one Timbit too many. The business case behind Jim Balsillie’s drive to move an NHL team to Hamilton depends not on what’s in Hamilton, but what’s around it. Given that the steel industry has all but shut down,

Hamilton proper is enduring a serious recession. But remember that Balsillie’s Waterloo-based Research In Motion corporate headquarters is exactly one hour away from Hamilton’s Copps Coliseum, the putative home of his new team. If that’s the effective radius of Hamilton’s area, the team can count on support from any or, more likely, all of the following areas: Burlington, Oakville, Cambridge, Kitchener, Guelph, Waterloo, Milton, Brampton, Mississauga, St. Catharines, and even Wayne Gretzky’s hometown, Brantford.

In all, these communities and surrounding areas have more than 2.2 million people, a substantial proportion of whom are passionate hockey fans. Greater Phoenix, home of the Coyotes that Balsillie covets, has 3.8 million people, most of whom think

high sticking has something to do with flypaper.

But as wise heads point out, pro hockey franchises need big companies with money to spend. Not counting Mississauga, the communities around Hamilton boast 16 Financial Post Top 500 head offices, including two of the most viable remnants of Canada’s auto industry in the form of Ford and Toyota. If you add in Mississauga, you have another 26 or so Top 500 head offices to draw on.

To be sure, there are financial questions about a Hamilton NHL team, such as how much it would take to expand Copps Coliseum and buy off the big losers in the relocation — Toronto’s Maple Leafs and Buffalo’s Sabres. Overall viability, however, isn’t one of them.

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Jim Balsillie

Letters

SunnySide

Finding something that you are passionate about is key

Re: Sunnyside launch a blessing

The media is finally seeing how valuable it can be in a time like this.

To add, I actually quit my job last fall to see how else I could challenge myself.

In the end, it’s not that I found a “better” job, so to speak, even if it is better, I found something that sparks my interest.

Day after day, week after week. I found something I can be passionate about and that I want to do.

There are far too many people working at half-speed, hating their jobs and not changing out of fear.

If we could all get over ourselves, be honest to ourselves and work hard towards what we want, we might be one step closer out of this recession.

Don’t expect to accomplish your dreams/passions easily — hard work is essential, and perhaps some people aren’t ready to take that on yet.

SEANNA MAGEE, TORONTO

SunnySide

Reader gives unemployment tips from own experience

Re: Sunnyside ideas

I want to pass along information for the recently unemployed.

What a great way to start thinking about reinventing yourself, re-evaluating and restarting your passions.

The self-employment program sponsored by Employment Insurance will actually support individuals while they figure out what it is that makes them want to get up in the morning and add spark to their days.

This program is for anyone with an idea and passion to start up their own business.

This is a great opportunity for individuals who are not happy with their work or where their lives are heading.

I took this program years ago and am now a successful artist.

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KFC amends free chicken deal after Oprah promotion

An Oprah Winfrey-fuelled free chicken give-away at Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants has been amended due to what the fast-food chain called an "overwhelming response." **REUTERS**

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Business

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

ScoZinc gets extension:

Acadian Mining Corp. announced last week that its subsidiary ScoZinc Ltd. received a further extension to the stay period it was granted by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. The court also approved the presentation of the draft plan of arrangement filed to ScoZinc's creditors for their consideration.

Brewdebaker's open:

The sole location of the Lone Star Texas Grill in Clayton Park has closed its doors for good. Now open in its place is a Brewdebaker's, which is similar to the original flagship brewery and grill in Dartmouth.

Apartment goes green:

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In brief

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Health care or groceries?

U.S. women face choice: Study

Most working-age women in the United States have too little health coverage, and often forgo needed care because of cost, U.S. researchers said yesterday.

"More families are making difficult choices between needed health care, making payments on mortgages or credit card debt, and purchasing basic necessities," said Karen Davis, president of the Commonwealth Fund, a private health policy group that conducted the research.

The Commonwealth Fund team said rising health costs hit women harder because they have lower average incomes and spend more on health care than men, and because they use the health system more often than men.

It found that 70 per cent, or 63.8 million, working-age women are uninsured,

Bigger picture

Because the study is based on a 2007 survey, the researchers said it likely underestimates the problem because it does not account for the full impact of the current economic recession and job cuts.

underinsured, have medical bill problems or medical debt, or did not access needed care because of cost. That compared with 59 per cent, or 51.9 million, working-age men.

The team also found that 52 per cent of women were more likely to leave a prescription unfilled, skip a recommended medical test or treatment, or fail to seek needed medical care. That compared with just 39 per cent of men.

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Nortel Q1 loss deepens

TELECOM Nortel Networks Corp. said yesterday its quarterly loss widened as the global recession contributed to a steep drop in revenue.

Nortel also said it is completing plans to decentralize some functions at each of its four main businesses

to give it more flexibility as it decides which divisions to sell.

The company lost \$507 million US in the three months ended March 31. That compares with a loss of \$138 million a year earlier.

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An interior decorator becomes self-employed and wonders about the upcoming harmonized tax in Ontario. The province joins others such as New Brunswick, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Ontario joins harmonized tax

MoneyMatters

Henry Choo Chong
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Q Last year, I joined the ranks of the self-employed after losing my position at a company that I worked at for more than 12 years. I provided interior decorating and home accent services. When do I begin charging the new harmonized tax and how does it affect my business?

— Joanne, Ontario

A Beginning July 1, 2010, businesses must collect the combined GST and RST (Harmonized tax) on most products and services at a rate of 13 per cent. Ontario joins several other provinces such as Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Quebec and Nova Scotia that currently administer a harmonized tax.

Currently in Ontario, many businesses collect an eight per cent provincial sales tax on tangible personal property, excluding exempt goods and most services. The RST collected is then remitted to the

province less a small commission to the business. Most businesses also collect on behalf of our federal government, five per cent GST on many goods and services but can claim an Input tax credit.

The recent Ontario budget proposes to combine both taxes (eight per cent PST and five per cent GST) and have it administered by the federal government. For most Canadians, this will be a 13 per cent hit to the pocketbook. Next summer's real estate transactions will be hit particularly hard, including new home purchases, commercial rents, real estate commissions, legal fees and yes, accounting and tax work.

To ease the hardship for individuals, the federal government will send a \$1,000 cheque to many Canadians.

Many businesses may reap benefits because of the harmonization, however individuals will not. Our government may try to convince individuals of the benefits of harmonization, but you don't have to be an accountant to figure out. "It will cost me more money at 13 per cent than at five per cent."

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SmartCookies



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T ravel insurance is top of mind these days. Whether it's your vacation, your health or your luggage, having insurance, and more importantly having the right type, is as essential as packing your passport.

Finding out what type of coverage you already have is the first step. Research the details of your homeowner's insurance and your existing health-care policy. Then contact your credit card company to find out if they offer insurance perks for situations such as lost or delayed baggage, trip cancellation or accidental death. From here, consider which of the following options are best for you.

Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance

This coverage is designed to help you get money back when you need to cancel your trip or if your tour company goes under. Just to be clear though, this type of insurance will likely only cover cancellations in the case of unforeseen events such as illness, a missed flight, a natural disaster or the travel provider filing bankruptcy.

Base the need of this insurance on the cost of your ticket or trip. If you are flying from Vancouver to Calgary, you can likely forego it. If you are taking an expensive, trip of a lifetime Safari, then buy insurance. And look for a policy that will cover you returning home early if there is a problem once you reach your destination.

Baggage Insurance

Although airlines are liable for lost or damaged luggage, what they offer you will likely not cover what is lost. The limit for lost, delayed, or damaged baggage is \$3,000 per passenger on a domestic flight and about \$450 per bag for an international flight. If you do want extra insurance, travel experts suggest asking the counter agent for "excess valua-



Getting travel insurance means you can enjoy your time away, stress-free.

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tion." This provides you with up to \$5,000 additional coverage, at a rate of about \$1 per \$100 in value. Excess valuation is not advertised; you'll have to ask about it.

Health-care Insurance

Many people make the very big mistake of assuming that, while travelling, their medical needs will be

covered by their existing health-care insurance. If you are travelling outside of your own country, check your policy. If you are not covered, be sure to purchase medical insurance. Also buy a policy that covers "medical evacuation and repatriation" insurance. In other words, if you are sick or injured while in another country, you will be treated, stabilized and then flown back to your own country.

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Investing

Allan Small

Allan Small discusses the results of last week's stress tests of U.S. banks. Visit metronews.ca/investing

Love hurts, love lost hurts more

According to the 2006 National Population Health Survey, 43 per cent of Canadian women who have undergone a marital breakup, either divorce or separation, had a substantial decrease in household income, while only 15 per cent of separated or divorced men had a financial decline. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Your Money

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Single seniors face financial risk

SAVINGS Women who find themselves single in retirement face increased financial risks, says a new report from the BMO Re-

tirement Institute.

Some may have lived their entire lives as part of a couple, and therefore never put a solid "single retiree" plan into place. A spouse's death or divorce could leave them starkly

unprepared.

"Our research suggests that a growing number of Canadian women are retiring alone, and this presents unique set of financial, emotional, and planning challenges," says

Tina Di Vito, director, Retirement Strategies, BMO Financial Group. "... Many single women boomers are not prepared for the potential effects on personal finances of being found suddenly single and

the importance of having a contingency plan."

When it comes to retirement savings, history shows women in particular lean towards GICs as the 'safe' investment option, but there is a real

risk of GICs being too conservative, yielding a lower rate of return over the long term. As a result, many women may need to rethink their long-term investment strategy.

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Tampa retains Tocchet

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Bolting back to the track

Olympic triple gold medalist Usain Bolt, left, says he is ready to return to the track after an April 29 car crash in his native Jamaica. The 22-year-old started training last week and plans to compete in a 150-meter street race in Manchester, England, this Sunday. Bolt won the 100 metres, 200 and 4x100 relay at the Beijing Games last summer, all in world record times. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Caps take OT thriller

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Caps 5 Pens 4 (OT)



David Steckel scored six minutes into overtime as the Washington Capitals defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-4 last night to force a deciding game seven in their NHL Eastern Conference playoff series.

Viktor Kozlov had two goals and Alexander Ovechkin three assists for the Capitals, who host the decider for the best-of-seven series decider tomorrow.

Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby sent the game into overtime with his 10th goal of the postseason, a backhand with 4:18 remaining in regulation.

The Penguins' Bill Guerin had the only goal of the first period off an assist by Crosby.



Washington's Jay Beagle is stopped by Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury as Mark Eaton helps out during Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal last night.

The teams were level at 2-2 after the second when Kozlov and Tomas Fleischmann scored for Washington and Mark Eaton added a power-play goal for Pittsburgh.

A busy third period saw two goals by each team.

Kris Letang scored on a power play for the Pen-

guins before Alexander Semin and Kozlov tallied for the Capitals, Semin scoring on a power play.

Crosby closed out the regulation scoring off Evgeni Malkin's third assist of the game.

Chicago 7 Vancouver 5
Patrick Kane scored a hat

trick as the Blackhawks eliminated the Canucks in a wild game 6 at the United Center in Chicago.

Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 33 of 38 shots for the win, while Vancouver's Roberto Luongo allowed seven goals on a total of 38 shots.

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Raptors ink Triano to three years

BASKETBALL The Toronto Raptors removed Jay Triano's interim tag and signed their new head coach to a three-year contract yesterday.

Triano, the first Canadian to coach in the NBA, was handed the reins when Sam Mitchell was dismissed on December 3, 2008. Triano had served as an assistant to Mitchell and was in his seventh season as a member of the Raptors' coaching staff. He is the seventh head coach in franchise history.

Financial terms of the contract were not disclosed. "Despite some difficult circumstances this past season, Jay Triano never stopped coaching, teaching and leading this team, which resulted in a very strong finish."

said Raptors president and general manager Bryan Colangelo. "After undertaking a thorough evaluation process, it is clear that Jay is the right coach to guide this team in the future."

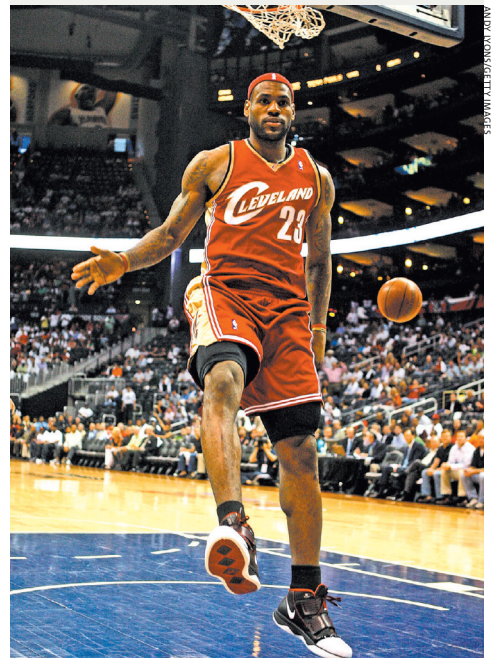
Toronto ended this past season on a high note, going 9-4 in its final 13 outings. The Raptors were 12-15 after the All-Star break with Triano compiling a 25-40 record overall.

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Raptors coach Jay Triano

NBA King James conquers Atlanta



Cleveland's LeBron James dunks against the Atlanta Hawks during Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinals last night. Cleveland won 84-74, completing its sweep of the Hawks. For a complete NBA recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Pair of Huskies sign CFL contracts

FOOTBALL Darcy Brown and Joel Lipinski of the Saint Mary's Huskies have signed Canadian Football League contracts.

Brown signed yesterday with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who selected him

sixth overall in the CFL draft earlier this month. The Ticats are

planning to convert the 6-foot-3, 251-pound

receiver into a fullback at the pro level.

Lipinski's signing with the Saskatchewan Roughriders was reported by the Saskatoon Star Phoenix. The former all-

Canadian defensive back/returner — who transferred to Saint Mary's last season — inked a two-year deal.

Lipinski will join fellow Huskies alumnus and defensive back Jeff Zelinski at the Riders camp starting June 7.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX

A.J. vs. Doc as Jays' 'soft schedule' ends

MLB PREVIEW

New York at Toronto



BASEBALL And now for a quiet three days with the New York Yankees.

Not.

If anything, this series — opening tonight with Roy Halladay facing former Blue Jay A.J. Burnett — sets up as a measuring stick of the Jays' early-season success.

It may also be one of the most anticipated and meaningful early-season series the Jays have played in recent memory. Toronto sits at the top of the Ameri-

"I think the guys are looking forward to it because the fans enjoy it so much it's a chance to face A.J. and CC for the first time."

Toronto's Vernon Wells

can League East, no one's pick out of spring training for that kind of success, but certainly full marks for leading the league in hitting, combined with gutsy pitching despite injuries to five starters and closer B.J. Ryan.

In come the Yankees, their big payroll and big names carrying tradition and intrigue despite a slow start.

Some critics say the Jays have benefited from a soft schedule to open the season. The 22-12 club has

played only three games against a divisional opponent (Baltimore).

The Jays' first-place worthiness is expected to be tested beginning today.

The matchup between Burnett and Halladay is being talked about around baseball.

"I think the guys are looking forward to it because the fans enjoy it so much it's a chance to face A.J. and CC for the first time," Jays centre fielder Vernon Wells said.

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Sports in brief

BASKETBALL The Golden State Warriors announced yesterday they have chosen not to renew the contract of executive vice president of basketball operations Chris Mullin. In a related move, the Warriors named Larry Riley as general manager.

SOCCER Newcastle United grabbed a Premier League lifeline yesterday when late goals by substitutes Obafemi Martins and Peter Lovenkrands secured a 3-1 home win over fellow relegation strugglers Middlesbrough.

BASEBALL The Chicago White Sox have optioned struggling right-hander Jose Contreras to Triple-A Charlotte and recalled left-hander Jimmy Gobble to fill the roster spot. Contreras, 37, was 0-5 with an 8.19 ERA.

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Champs lose some stars

Halifax City will be out six key players from last year's squad

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There are some sizable holes in the lineup of Canada's reigning senior women's soccer champions.

Halifax City Pacifico — previously named Salty's — kicks off the Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership season on Sunday without Nkem Ezurike, Katie Prowse, Sarah d'Apollonia, Melissa Gaudet and Erica and Mary Beth Bowie.

The six all-star calibre talents combined for 15 of City's 25 goals last summer and played key roles in the club's run to the Jubilee Trophy in St. John's, N.L., last October.

Prowse and Mary Beth Bowie, both former winners of the league's Golden Boot award as top goal scorer, are taking the summer off. Ezurike and Gaudet are ineligible to play until August as members of the provincial Canada Games team.

"We're certainly different from last year," said City head coach Carl Hayre. "We've lost some key players, but we've picked up some key players. We'll take the season as it comes but by provincials, I think we'll be our strongest."

Newcomers include Ottawa Gee Gees standout Alex Persichino, Cape Breton Capers all-Canadian Hannah Abenheimer and Sharon Cummings from the Canadian Forces ranks.

Returnees such as all-star defender Ally Read, a



Halifax City standout Melissa Gaudet, pictured here fighting for position with last year's Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership, won't be eligible to rejoin the team until late in the season because of her commitment to the Canada Games team.

seven-year veteran, have seen turnover like this before.

"It's nothing new," said Read, who has won gold, silver and bronze medals at nationals. "Rather than look at it as a series of losses, you have to take the group of girls that is here and look at everyone as a positive addition. If you don't, you'll perpetually be

looking at every team as an empty roster."

Perhaps the biggest boost will come in August when Ezurike — a national under-17 team star who scored twice in the Jubilee Trophy final — and Gaudet rejoin the team.

That should help Halifax City peak at the right time. That's what happened last year. The club stumbled

through a sub-.500 summer but enjoyed a remarkable playoff run.

"The pressure will be on," Hayre said.

"But I certainly feel we're capable of getting to nationals again."

"You can have an up-and-down season," added Read. "As long as you win at provincials, that's all that counts."

Youth movement takes effect at City

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Nova Scotia's long-time senior men's soccer power will have a decidedly younger look this summer.

Halifax City Coldwell Banker still has many of the veterans that helped it win five of the past six Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership championships, such as perennial all-stars Kristin Kirincich, Mat Budreski and Brian Francis.

But this year, head coach Darrell Cormier will integrate a handful of teenagers from City's youth system into the veteran lineup: Defenders Chris MacEachern and Josh MacIntyre and midfielders Coady Field and Stuart MacAdam.

"We have a lot of quality," said Cormier. "Maybe we're not as deep, but our young guys have an opportunity to step up and I see us doing some damage this year, for sure."

It will be difficult to over-

come the losses of starters Matt Britner, Christoph Barrow and Chris Coxon on the back end, but longtime City defenders Ralph Levangie, Jamie Sawler, Wayne Francis and Mark Sweetapple are there to step in.

Cormier said it's a "good blend" of youth and experience.

"Every year's a rebuilding year but every year you fight for a championship," Cormier said. "With the experience we have here, we're always in the mix for it."

The roster of Halifax Dunbrack Bremner's — a team that went unbeaten through 20 games before collapsing in a loss to City in the final — returns most of its key players.

"We picked the worst possible time to play our worst game of the season," said Dunbrack head coach Alan Jazic.

"We'll be fine (this year). Hopefully, we'll just win the big one."

Sports in brief

HOCKEY The NHL has fined Carolina Hurricanes forward Scott Walker \$2,500 for his unprovoked punch to the face of Boston Bruins defenceman Aaron Ward late in Sunday's Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

UNIVERSIADE David Sharpe, who will compete for the Dal-

housie Tigers as a freshman in the fall, has been named to Canada's swim team for the Summer University Games in July. The Halifax native was Nova Scotia's swimmer of the year and owns numerous provincial records. The Universiade runs from July 1 to 12 in Belgrade, Serbia.

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Lantz man named hockey leader

AWARD Keith Miller of Lantz has won a \$10,000 donation toward a local hockey cause of his choice and a chance to participate in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

Miller has been named Nova Scotia's RBC Local Hockey Leader, one of 14 recipients across Canada.

RBC Insurance, with support from Hockey Canada and the Hockey Hall of Fame, donates the cash prize in Miller's name, while Miller and a team of up to 20 individuals can collectively carry the Olympic Flame for one kilometre.

RBC employee Shawn McCormick of Dartmouth was also honoured as "RBC's Own" local hockey leader and receives the same prize.

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Artists on award short list

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Being on the shortlist for the inaugural Mayor's Award of Distinction for Contemporary Visual Art can only mean good things to the artists themselves, says one of the shortlisted artists.

"Any time an artist is recognized formally, it tends to have a positive effect," says Ivan Murphy. He is one of three NSCAD Uni-

versity graduates who are on the short list of five.

The Award of Distinction is meant to publicly recognize the talent of emerging artists, as well as grow the municipality's permanent public art collection, says its website.

The artists' works are being showcased at city hall and is open to the public every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. until June 17. The works of the winner and the two honourable mentions will be purchased by the city to be displayed in public locations across the municipality.

Murphy (BD 1992) says that because artists are often working in the studio, "it is nice to get some sort of external review or external comment on your work."

Daniel Hutchinson (MFA in Fine and Media Arts, 2008) is also up for the award. Hutchinson teaches



Inshore, by Ivan Murphy, left, and Night Harbour, by Jonathan Johnson. These NSCAD University graduates and artists — along with Daniel Hutchinson — are on the short list for the Mayor's Award of Distinction for Contemporary Visual Art.



one day a week at NSCAD and helps run its summer program.

He feels "extreme excitement" over getting his work out to a larger and different audience. "City hall as an exhibition venue is an unusual place to have an art opening," he says.

Hutchinson praises NSCAD for the effect it's

had on him. "There's such a wealth of information that was given to me over my two years here. It continues with my involvement now."

When Murphy first started studying at NSCAD, he knew he had made the right decision. "I kind of felt it was where I belonged."

It felt like a community and not just because of its size, he says, but because "there was some sense of common purpose."

Speaking of the school, Jonathan Johnson (BFA 2004) says "art is on the mind all the time. You talk art, you live art, you eat art." He's also on the short list.

Johnson says one of the good things about the award is that it allows artists to meet other artists and see what they're doing.

"They're living right in your community and they're probably working in a studio not far from you, but you don't have the chance to meet them."



Act II, by Daniel Hutchinson.

King's alumnus Nichol honoured with top award

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

The University of King's College's alumni of the year wound up at the school by accident. Ottawa native Michael Nichol arrived in Halifax in 1966 to start his commerce degree at Dalhousie University.

"First of all, I enjoyed the idea of being 1,000 miles away from anybody I knew. Number two, I'd never heard of King's Col-

lege," he admitted of his trip east. "I'd been accepted at the University of Western Ontario ... but I was more impressed by Dal's reluctant acceptance of me."

He arrived with a suitcase and the hope of finding accommodation. The Dal residences were full, so he wandered in search of a room. "Finally, an old security guard looked over at me and said, 'Why don't you go over to King's College? They've always got a

room over there.'"

He took his advice and was immediately smitten by the campus. He never formally became a King's student as King's didn't offer the business courses he needed, but he stayed on the King's campus. Last week, his life-long devotion was honoured with the Judge J. Elliott Hudson Distinguished Alumnus Award. It recognizes his "invaluable" contributions to community and profession.

"Most persons can imagine my emotions on receiving this award from my fellow alumni. It's a compliment of the highest order," he said from his Ottawa home last week.

Nichol started his career as a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch before joining Wood Gundy, rising to vice-president in 1990.

"I have been fascinated by stock markets — by markets of all sorts — since I was 11," he said. His father, a doctor, would of-

ten discuss the market with visiting friends. "One day I looked up at my father and said, 'This is easy.'" His father called his bluff and offered him his baby bonus account, starting his investing career. Of the current turmoil in the financial world, he remains phlegmatic: "In a market economy, surprise is the norm."

Nichol was also recognized for his charitable work as a patron with the Community Foundation of



Michael Nichol

Ottawa Carleton and service with the Salvation Army.

Retirement remains a distant horizon for Nichol. He's approaching 39 years of work and intends to reach 50. "Then, we're going to see."

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Allergy season is here

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With spring in full swing, the sun marks the start of patio season for some but allergy season for many others.

Between 20 and 30 per cent of Canadians have a genetic predisposition to developing an allergic disease, according to Dr. Peter Vadas, director of the Allergy and Clinical Immunology division at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Ont.

"For those who grow up in a certain part of the world — if they've grown up in southern Ontario, for example — they'll typically start to develop their allergies in late childhood into early teen years," said Vadas. "They typically intensify over their teenage

years, into the young adult years, and then stabilize."

Tree pollens in early spring, grass pollens in late spring and outdoor molds on damp, humid days are the most common kinds of spring-specific allergies, said Vadas. But he contends running noses and watery eyes shouldn't stop allergy sufferers from enjoying spring weather.

"We all want to be outdoors in the nice weather," said Vadas. "If people keep their doors and windows closed during the pollen season and run the fan on the air conditioner — not necessarily the compressor if it's cooler — then that will help to clean the air as it's being pulled indoors."

If such pollen prevention doesn't work, Vadas recommends over-the-counter an-

"Caffeine stimulates histamine in the body and histamine is what gives the swelling of the allergic reaction."

Eloise O'Ball, registered holistic allergist

tihistamines bearing a "non-drowsy" label to treat allergies. While more expensive, he said they have fewer side effects than "drowsy" ones.

"If a person's symptoms don't respond well to antihistamines, then they can consult a physician and try prescription eye drops and nose sprays, which also work very well."

But chemical drugs only cover up problems rather than solve them, according to registered holistic allergist Eloise O'Ball of Vancouver's Pacific Allergy & Wellness. She said natural methods like needle-less biofeed-

back testing that uses a machine to open the body's "meridians" to clear allergen blockages alternatively gets to the root of problems by responding to the body's "innate wisdom."

"I see many people and they're breathing easier, eating the foods that used to bother them and their rashes clear up," she said. "Many symptoms just seem to fall by the wayside once their immune system has been freed of whatever allergen it is."

But if you can't consult a holistic practice, O'Ball said consuming less caffeine products like coffee, tea

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Between 20 and 30 per cent of Canadians have a genetic predisposition to developing an allergic disease.

and chocolate can help prevent spring allergies.

"Caffeine stimulates histamine in the body and histamine is what gives the

swelling of the allergic reaction. By decreasing your caffeine level, you will decrease one of the areas of the allergic response."

Doc looks at the art of seduction

The J Spot

Josey Vogels

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It must have been so much easier when a guy could just grab the gal he wanted and drag her by the hair to his cave.

OK, so that whole dragging a woman by her hair business is a myth, supposedly created by authors of prehistoric fiction in

the 19th century. But there's a reason it caught on, no doubt, in part, because seducing women is about as easy for most guys as knowing what she really means when she says "I'm fine."

How else do you explain the rise of "the seduction community," men who gather in "lair" to learn how to use social psychology, hypnosis and mind-control techniques to pick up women, a phenomenon explored in *The Seducers*, airing tonight on Vision TV.

The documentary by Albert Nerenberg and Shan-

non Brown (creators of the award-winning documentary *Stupidity*) is a disturbing look at how this movement preys on AFCs or Average Frustrated Chumps, a term coined by Ross Jeffries, one of a handful of famous pick-up artists who teach what has come to be known as "The Game."

Using psychological tricks to trigger subconscious desire, embedded commands to steer a woman's mind into thinking erotic thoughts, "weasel" words with a double entendre, such as saying something like: "I'd



The Seducers, airing tonight on Vision TV, explores the social and psychology techniques men employ to pick up women.

like to take this conversation in a 'new direction.' Repeat that last bit in your head slurring the last two words together. Get it?

The *Seducers* airs

tonight at 10:30 p.m. EST on Vision TV.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

Bee-ware

These tips will help you avoid painful and, for some, potentially life-threatening, insect attacks.

- Keep your shoes on. Honeybees are attracted to the clover that grows on lawns and fields.
- Don't rely on repellents. They might keep away those pesky mosquitoes and black flies, but most are ineffective against flying, stinging insects.
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- Don't wear bright clothing, especially articles that include a floral pattern.

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NBC has given Mindy Kaling (a.k.a. The Office's Kelly Kapoor) her own show. Kaling has signed a two-year, seven-figure deal to continue writing, producing and starring in The Office, while she'll also develop a new show for the network, in which she will probably star. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Office star gets a promotion

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Strange case

Keanu Reeves is to take on the lead role in new movie *Jekyll*. The Speed actor will star in the big-screen adaptation of the classic book *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Green Day's big Breakdown

Punk group's latest album is more direct and angry than *American Idiot*

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Green Day was never supposed to be one of the biggest bands in the world. The trio's apathetic songs about suburban life — smoking weed, boredom, self-loathing — backed by simple chord progressions that any mid-level guitar player could have created, were never good enough to see the outside of a garage.

But, the band's songs were unbelievably infectious and, if the '90s proved anything, it's that there was a market in talentless rockers playing for apathetic, pot-smoking suburban teens. So, in hindsight, it's really no surprise that three punk-loving losers from California became the biggest mid-'90s band, selling 15 million copies of their third album, *Dookie*.

There's no way Green Day should still be one of the biggest bands in the world, though, and, if you said in 1994 that not only would they be selling out arenas in



21st Century Breakdown, the followup to *American Idiot*, is steeped in rich, layered punk sounds.

2009, but that they'd be doing it singing deadly serious, politically charged songs about war and urban decay, you'd be laughed right out of the room.

The band should have broken up in 2000, before they released *Warning*. By that time the group was selling a couple of million

albums per disc — not bad, but nowhere near *Dookie*'s figures — and Britney Spears was about to peak.

It would have been the perfect time for Billie Joe Armstrong, Mike Dirnt and Tré Cool, to throw in the towel. Their musical legacy wouldn't have loomed as large as Nirvana's, but plenty

of people had some laughs, and a few sore throats, thanks to the trio's lyrics and incredibly catchy pop-punk melodies.

But then something happened. America went to war and millions of U.S. citizens, including Green Day, began wondering how their country lost its way.

The band was inspired. So much so that its members wrote an ambitious Who-like rock opera, *American Idiot*, about the evils of war, rednecks and former U.S. president George W. Bush's politics. Shockingly, it sold 12 million records worldwide and put Green Day in the same class of socially

conscious musicians like The Clash and Bruce Springsteen.

The latest disc, *21st Century Breakdown*, is another epic effort, this time with 18 songs split into three acts. The threesome is still full of thought-provoking messages and the disc, which is steeped in rich, layered punk sounds, is even more direct and angry than *American Idiot*.

While the group has clearly reinvented itself, the band members are not doing anything they haven't done before. *Dookie* tapped into what teenagers in the '90s were feeling, while *21st Century Breakdown* tackles what those same people, now in their 20s and 30s, feel now. Who knows what the future has in store for Green Day, but one thing's for sure, don't be shocked if they're still topping charts in another 10 years.

The breakdown

- Green Day's *21st Century Breakdown*, is out this Friday.

The Vatican rebuilt on film

Landmarks replicated on L.A. soundstage for *Angels & Demons*

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

While sitting atop the Castel Saint Angelo in Rome waiting to interview *Angels & Demons* star Ewan McGregor, I had a panoramic view of the city and the beautiful chaos that makes life in the Eternal City tick.

The traffic is crazy and there are people everywhere. It's an intense place, even more so, I imagined, if you were shooting a big budget Hollywood picture that takes place in some of the city's busiest spots.

"The funny thing is I didn't shoot any of it in Rome," McGregor said when asked, "I shot in this place called Caserta.

Movie feature

There's a palace in Caserta that I thought it sounded really romantic, so I arranged for my wife to come over and spend a weekend with me, but it's a dump, a horrible place. I'm sorry but it's just a suburb of Naples that's exploded around this old palace. It's really nasty. Not a good place.

"Apart from that I did most of my stuff in L.A. because my character is mainly inside the Vatican and of course, the Vatican didn't want us to shoot inside their buildings so they built the Sistine Chapel on the Sony soundstages in L.A. They also built the exterior of St. Peter's Square, this huge, huge set, in the parking lot of Hollywood

Park Racetrack in south L.A. That was cool. I saw it from an airplane. I was landing at LAX and I looked down and thought, 'God, that's a big set... look at that.' Then I realized it was ours."

Despite never having stepped foot in an actual church during the shoot, McGregor convincingly pulls off the roll of Camerlengo Patrick McKenna, a priest who acts as the pope's right hand man in the film adaptation of Dan Brown's novel.

"We had a priest from New Jersey who came over and was our religious adviser for any of the technical things," McGregor said, "the ceremonies and the ritual stuff. But he also gave us a kind of idea of what would be going on

Coming to theatres

- Angels & Demons* across Canada on Friday.

behind the scenes during those ceremonies and humanized it for us.

"It looks so precise from the congregation's point of view but in actual fact behind the table there is a guy with matches trying to light the incense. He put that into it for me which was great."

The training paid off, he says, at least superficially.

"I didn't get to understand the meaning of all the ceremonies; why everything is in a certain order, but I did learn enough to look like I knew what I was doing, hopefully."



Ewan McGregor plays Camerlengo Patrick McKenna, a priest who acts as the pope's right hand man in *Angels & Demons*.

Leo, Kate help Titanic survivor

Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet have donated money to the last survivor of the Titanic disaster. The Hollywood pair and director James Cameron contributed \$30,000 to a fund for Millvina Dean, 98, to help her remain in an English nursing home. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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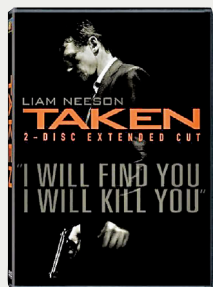
THE QUIET Irish actor Liam Neeson doesn't often get a chance to go on an extended tear, but he really busts loose in this bracingly effective thriller.

Neeson is Bryan Mills, an ex-CIA "pre-venter," who has recently moved to Los Angeles from Virginia to be more of a dad to his 17-year-old daughter, Kim (Maggie Grace).

The action begins when Kim and her pal Amanda (Katie Cassidy) travel to Paris on vacation, against Bryan's better judgment, and are immediately kidnapped.

Bryan learns from his former CIA pals that the girls have been snatched by Albanian pimps, who seek slave prostitutes. There's a window of no more than 96 hours before the teens disappear into the underworld forever.

But Bryan, a professional who is the Tasmanian Devil of trackers, tells the kidnappers (via Kim's purloined cellphone): "I will look for you. I will find you. And I



will kill you."

The bodies stack up like jets at a busy airport. The pace is frantic, but you never once doubt Neeson as action hero in this role. At 56, he's more than got the chops.

Just sit back and watch in amazement.

There's more to love on DVD. Extras include an extended cut with commentaries by director Pierre Morel, writer Mark Kamen and cinematographers Michael Abramowicz and Michael Julienne.

There's also a "Black Ops Field Manual," essential for spies and angry dads.

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The truth about Tim

Lie To Me star Roth warming up to television role

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

Despite a successful film career and a hit television show taking off, British actor Tim Roth fears unemployment more than ever.

The veteran actor spoke to Metro about joining the TV world with his new show *Lie to Me* and admitted even with an entire first season almost wrapped up, it's hard to break away from actors' paranoia.

"That fear of unemployment, I think it's part of the makeup of British actors so it hasn't gone away at all for me. I'm always thinking about it," Roth said.

Roth, who turns 48 this month, has made a career out of playing wounded, dark characters on both sides of the moral line, whether in his Academy Award nominated performance as the cruel villain in the historical drama *Rob Roy* or embodying

both revulsion and sympathy as the memorable Mr. Orange in the gangster flick *Reservoir Dogs*.

Now Roth has taken on the leading role in a brand new crime drama based on the true-life research of celebrated psychologist Paul Ekman, an expert in human body language noted for his prowess at detecting when a person is lying. Roth plays the fictional Dr. Cal Lightman as an expert who uses his uncanny skills at detecting lying to assist police in solving cases.

In real life, Roth says he's no expert on lying but admits lies, especially the little ones we all tell to avoid confrontation or hurting someone's feelings, are sometimes a necessary part of life.

"The thing about lying is that you do it for all kinds of reasons — the idea of telling the truth all the time is quite exhausting. If people are deceiving you, it's often with the best of intentions," he said.



Oscar-nominated British actor Tim Roth plays a psychologist in the TV series *Lie To Me*.

When it comes to doing television, Roth relishes both the chance to tell a new story every week and the hectic speed at which TV productions move.

"When you're working on a movie, you're working on one story. The goal

is broader on TV and you're working on a much faster pace, which I enjoy," Roth said.

Whereas movie productions can offer plenty of time to polish a scene, Roth says television's breakneck pace forces the actor to trust his or her instincts more.

"You don't have much time to rehearse! I have a huge amount of respect for television actors now," Roth said.

Lie to Me has already attracted comparisons to Fox's other cynical-genius-does-good drama, *House*, and viewership has been steady since the show premiered in January, suggesting Roth's perpetual job-fears might be misplaced once and for all.

Season finale

• *Lie to Me* airs Wednesday nights on Global and Fox — catch the season finale tomorrow night.

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critics'corner

Torchwood

Lay in some tissues for this one. Owen (Burn Gorman), resurrected from the dead but not really alive, meets a suicidal woman on the roof of an apartment building. In flashbacks, he tells her of helping the team investigate some odd energy spikes coming from a home and retrieving an alien device called the Pulse, which is about to explode. Or is it? John Barrowman and Naoko Mori also star in "A Day in the Death." 10 PM on SPACE



The Biggest Loser

In the three-hour finale, all the contestants meet for a special reunion and a chance to weigh in and show viewers how much weight they've lost this season. America's decision as to who will be the third finalist is revealed, with the eliminated player joining the 12 others to compete for the \$100,000 at-home prize. Then the ultimate winner of the \$250,000 grand prize is announced. 9 PM on NBC

I Prophecy:

The Future Revealed

The good news: Global warming may not be a big deal after all. The bad news: We may be in for some serious global chilling. That's according to scientists Jan Veizer and Nir Shaviv, whose theories are the subject of the new episode "Cosmic Energy." 11 PM on V

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Sandra Bullock isn't sure she and husband Jesse James will have kids. "You don't have to give birth to someone to have a family. I'm not going to spend two seconds of my life wishing I had something I don't," she tells Harper's Bazaar. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

No babies for Bullock

Celebrity Buzz

Farrah opens up about cancer

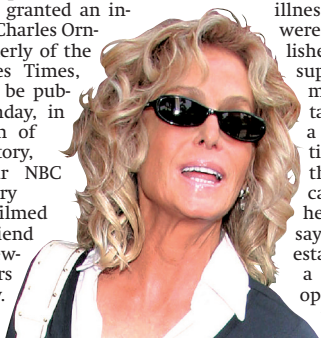
REFLECTION One thing Farrah Fawcett would have appreciated during the course of her very public battle with cancer: Privacy. But that is the one thing she never received, people.com reports.

"It's much easier to go through something and deal with it without being under a microscope," says the terminally ill star, 62. "It was stressful. I was terrified of getting the chemo. It's not pleasant. And the radiation is not pleasant."

Speaking to a reporter

for the first time since she was diagnosed with anal cancer in September 2006, the actress granted an interview to Charles Ornstein, formerly of the Los Angeles Times, which will be published Monday, in anticipation of Farrah's Story, a two-hour NBC documentary Fawcett filmed with her friend Alana Stewart. It airs this Friday.

Her



harsh words were saved for the often-exaggerated stories about her illness that were published by a supermarket tabloid, a situation that caused her, she says, to establish a sting operation at

the UCLA Medical Center to catch snooping employees who were leaking information about her condition to the publication.

Reacting to a December 2006 story headlined, Farrah Begs: 'Let Me Die,' Fawcett, speaking in her home, told the Times: "God, I would never say something like that. To think that people who did look up to me and felt positive because I was going through it too and yet I was strong ... it just negated all that."

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Did Susan say no to Obama?

SHE'LL REGRET THAT Britain's Got Talent phenomenon Susan Boyle is getting so famous so fast that she's even had to turn down some pretty impressive invitations.

According to the News of the World, U.S. President Barack Obama reportedly invited Boyle to attend a dinner at the White House, but she refused. "She was shocked

and thrilled by the invite, but it was all too much too soon for her so she said, 'No.' She has been told

President Obama has seen clips of her on TV and loved her singing. And she is delighted," a source tells the newspaper.

"Instead she'll have no doubt stayed in with her cat Pebbles."

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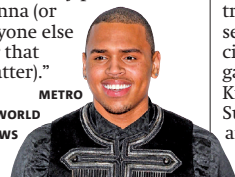


Chris denies he's behind alleged Rihanna nudes

BELIEVABLE? Naked photos allegedly of Rihanna were leaked online recently, but Chris Brown wants everyone to know that he wasn't the culprit.

"This is both a false and defamatory statement," a Brown rep said in a statement, according to TMZ. "Chris has not released or 'leaked' any photos of Rihanna (or anyone else for that matter)."

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Kiefer breaks weeklong silence

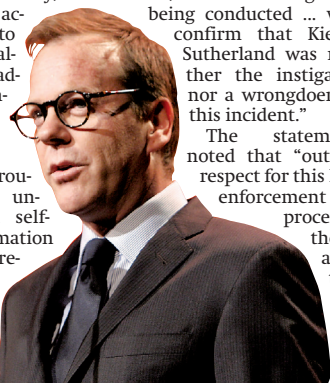
TALKING BACK After a week of silence, Kiefer Sutherland's lawyer released a statement yesterday, asserting the actor was not to blame for allegedly head-butting a fashion designer, people.com reports.

"We are troubled by the untruthful and self-serving information circulating regarding Kiefer Sutherland and events of last

Monday evening," lawyer Michael C. Miller said.

"We are confident, however, that the investigation being conducted ... will confirm that Kiefer Sutherland was neither the instigator nor a wrongdoer in this incident."

The statement noted that "out of respect for this law enforcement process," the actor



"will not be making any comment."

The statement didn't specify what information Sutherland's attorney considered untruthful. But the alleged victim, Jack McCollough, has spoken out several times, saying he has a broken nose and required surgery.

McCollough's rep said the designer "was the victim of a vicious, violent, unprovoked assault" by Sutherland, 42, who was charged with third-degree assault in connection with the incident. He will be arraigned June 22 at Manhattan Criminal Court.

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Boy George freed early?

LIGHT PUNISHMENT Eighties singer Boy George is reportedly set to leave jail after completing just four months of his 15-month sentence, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Culture Club frontman — real name George O'Dowd — was convicted in December of chaining up a male escort at his east London apartment in April 2007.

But after im-

pressing authorities at Edmunds Hill jail in Suffolk, England with his good behaviour, the star is said to have been approved for release.

The 47-year-old will be fitted with an ankle monitoring tag and will have to adhere to a curfew, according to the website.

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Jamie Lynn's injured boyfriend back at it

BOUNCING BACK Less than two weeks after being thrown from his pickup after a late-night bachelor party, Jamie Lynn Spears' boyfriend, Casey Aldridge, stood as best man at his cousin's weekend wedding in Mississippi, a source tells People.



"He had the weakness of having been in bed and still trying to get his feet under him," the source says. "It was outside, it was hot, but he did OK. It's just going to take him a few weeks to get better."

Another source says Aldridge

was limping and walking slowly. "He was not very animated," the source said. "He is usually quite lively, but he seemed lethargic." Aldridge, 20, flipped his truck on April 26, causing him and two of his four passengers to be thrown from the vehicle. He suffered head trauma but no apparent brain injury.

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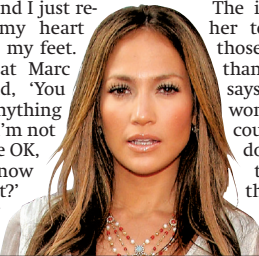
Jennifer's daughter has medical scare

MOM'S WORST FEAR Jennifer Lopez feared her daughter Emme was seriously ill, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer-and-actress — who raises 15-month-old twins Max and Emme with her husband Marc Anthony — was terrified after discovering a lump on her daughter's head when she was just three weeks old. She told E!: "We both got

very nervous, very, very nervous, and I just remember my heart sinking to my feet. I looked at Marc and I said, 'You know if anything happens, I'm not going to be OK, you know that right?'"

"Luckily in the



end, she turned out fine." The incident forced her to think about those less fortunate than herself, Lopez says. "I started to wonder, what if I couldn't afford a doctor, or receive the medicines, the procedures?"

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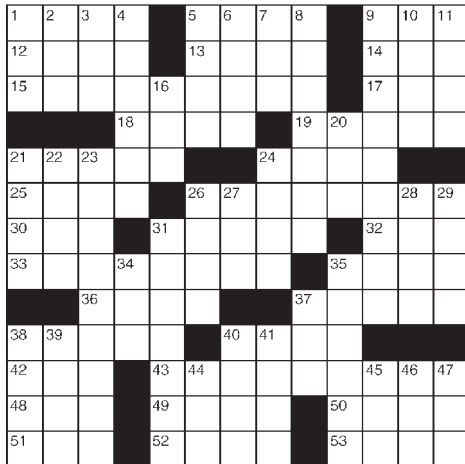


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Crossword across

- 1 "Family —"
- 5 Revlon rival
- 9 Scoundrel
- 12 Relaxation
- 13 Diner's card
- 14 Wish otherwise
- 15 Grouped together
- 17 Coulter or Curry
- 18 Nevada city
- 19 Vile
- 21 Eco-friendly
- 24 Unuttered "alas"
- 25 Incense
- 26 Encased, in a way
- 30 Hockey venue
- 31 Picture puzzle
- 32 Geologic period
- 33 Sank, as a billiard ball
- 35 "Hey, you!"
- 36 Twitches
- 37 Starbucks order
- 38 God
- 40 Harbour structure
- 42 U.N. workers' grp.
- 43 Played a bat-and-ball game
- 48 Chap
- 49 Welsh vegetable
- 50 Protuberance
- 51 Type measures
- 52 Vortex
- 53 Animated figure

Crossword down

- 1 Shortest of the 12 (Abbr.)
- 2 Corn spike
- 3 "Born in the —"
- 4 Edict
- 5 Congregation's cry
- 6 Kill a bill
- 7 Inseparable
- 8 Pests
- 9 It often involves a dummy
- 10 One of the kin
- 11 Say it isn't so
- 16 Understanding
- 20 Census statistic
- 21 Stagehand
- 22 Puerto —
- 23 November events
- 24 Missile type
- 26 "West Side Story" gang
- 27 Honest politician?
- 28 Formerly, formerly
- 29 Appointment
- 31 Honour Earth Day, in a way
- 34 DIY buy
- 35 Progenitor
- 37 Albanian money
- 38 It ain't worth a nickel
- 39 Verve
- 40 Multicolored
- 41 Gross
- 44 Roulette bet
- 45 Additionally
- 46 Tokyo's old name
- 47 Lair

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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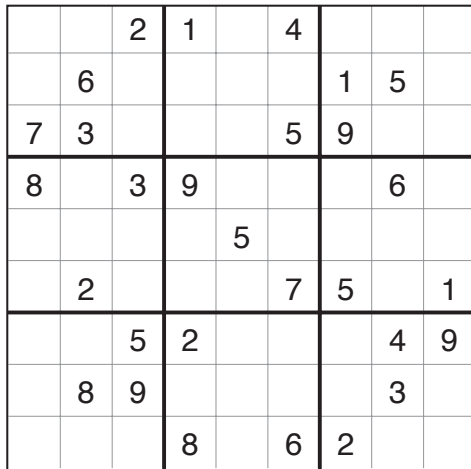
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Nutty Spinach and Mushroom Frittata

INGREDIENTS:
1 pack (250 g) young spinach leaves
Small bunch of fresh parsley
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 small onion
3/4 lb (335 g) small button mushrooms
3/4 cup (175 ml) roasted cashew nuts
5 medium eggs
Salt and black pepper
3 oz (85 g) Parmesan cheese

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Rinse and dry spinach and parsley; chop enough parsley for 2 tbsp (25 ml); set aside.
2. Heat oil in large frying pan. Halve, peel and finely chop onion. Fry over moderate heat, stirring, until soft, 3-4 minutes.
3. Clean and quarter mushrooms; add to chopped onion and fry, stirring frequently, 3-4

minutes.

4. Add spinach and cook over fairly high heat, stirring frequently, until leaves have wilted and excess liquid has evaporated, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in cashews and reduce heat to low.
5. Break eggs into bowl. Add 2 tbsp (25 ml) cold water and chopped parsley. Add seasoning and beat together.
6. Pour egg mixture into spinach. Cook 5 minutes until egg is just set and golden underneath, lifting edges to let uncooked egg run underneath.
7. Grate cheese, sprinkle over top and broil 2-3 minutes, until frittata is golden.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

sallybrompton.com

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A bit of teamwork now will bring huge dividends later, so put any personal animosities behind you and work together for the good of the cause.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Whether you feel good or bad about what you have to say is less important than ensuring others know you're being open about emotions and ambitions.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

You may encounter an unexpected and unwelcome setback today but there is no need to worry because you will be up and running again in no time.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

You need to stop thinking in terms of winning and losing. Life is not a zero sum game: someone else does not have to lose just so that you can win.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's great you believe in yourself, but your reputation could suffer today if you make out you can accomplish something that proves too much for you.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

It's not like you to be modest about achievements but you seem to be keeping a low profile about a particular triumph; you won't be in the shadows long.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

If you want to move up in the world you'll have to start working more closely with people who can help turn your vague ambitions into realities.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Don't be afraid to push a bit harder today, especially if you took it easy yesterday. And don't hesitate to demand more from those you live and work with.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Everything seems to be coming easy to you at the moment and that could become a problem if you find it hard to motivate yourself.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

There are so many distractions in your life now you could lose sight of your number one aim. Have fun, but make sure you're moving toward your goal.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Sweep away everything that's gone before and start again. You've accumulated a lot of baggage over the past year; it will feel good to get rid of it.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

The more others pressure you to make a quick decision about something today the more you must insist on thinking it through. Will it benefit you?

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1. Actor Beatty suffered from a cut (1)
2. Frodo's friend's candied veggies (1)
3. Move a bar to secure a sub entryway (1)
4. Discard an atlas page (1)
5. Merriment attribute (4)
6. Talking up a day excursion (2)
7. The U.K.'s hand warmers in winter (2)

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This day in history

MAY 12, 1870: The Manitoba Act is given the Royal Assent, paving the way for Manitoba to become a province of Canada on July 15.
MAY 12, 1885: North-West Rebellion: the four-day Battle of Batoche, pitting rebel Métis against the Canadian government, comes to an end with a decisive rebel defeat.
MAY 12, 1958: A formal North American Aerospace Defense Command agreement is signed between the United States and Canada.

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